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MESSAGE:

Pursuant to the teleconference on April 21, 2003 with Shawna Cannon Lemon, regarding U.S. Application Serial No. 09/700,057, below are proposed changes for the above-referenced case. These changes are for discussion purposes only and not to be used as part of the record. Also included herewith for the Examiner's convenience is a marked-up version of the changes entitled "Version to Show Changes Made."

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A composition for preventing or reducing the incidence of adhesions in a body cavity comprising an aqueous formulation containing the polysaccharide dextrin in an amount effective to prevent or reduce such adhesions, wherein the dextrin contains more than 15% of polymers with a degree of polymerization (DP) greater than 12 and acts as an osmotic agent to maintain a volume of the aqueous formulation in the body cavity serving to separate tissues which otherwise may adhere to each other.